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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A fan duct assembly comprising:
 - a fan duct having first and second flanges extending outwardly from an opening thereof;
 - a panel having at least one catch for engaging with the first flange of the fan duct; and
 - a locking plate attached to the panel opposite to the at least one catch, the locking plate comprising a base and a vertical portion extending from the base, a resilient tab being formed from the vertical portion for pressing the second flange of the fan duct and thereby absorbing vibration; wherein
the tab of the locking plate is generally L-shaped, with a top end integrally connecting with the vertical portion of the locking plate and a bottom portion bent slightly toward the fan duct.
2. (original) The fan duct assembly as described in claim 1, wherein at least one rib is formed on the first flange of the fan duct, and each catch of the panel abuts against one corresponding rib and a top surface of the flange to retain one side of the fan duct.
3. (canceled)
4. (original) The fan duct assembly as described in claim 1, wherein a handle extends upwardly from a bottom end of the tab of the locking plate.
5. (canceled)
6. (original) The fan duct assembly as described in claim 1, wherein a stepped fixing portion depends from an edge of the base of the locking plate, to extend through an opening defined in the panel.

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7. (original) The fan duct assembly as described in claim 1, wherein at least one reinforcing rib is formed at opposite sides of the vertical portion of the locking plate.
8. (canceled)
9. (new) A fan duct assembly comprising:
- a fan duct having first and second flanges extending outwardly from an opening thereof;
 - a panel having at least one catch for engaging with the first flange of the fan duct; and
 - a locking plate attached to the panel opposite to the at least one catch, the locking plate comprising a base and a vertical portion extending from the base, a resilient tab being formed from the vertical portion for pressing the second flange of the fan duct and thereby absorbing vibration; wherein
- at least one resilient foot respectively extends from opposite sides of the base of the locking plate toward the fan duct, and wherein a free end portion of each foot is bent slightly upwardly to press against the second flange of the fan duct.
10. (new) A fan duct assembly comprising:
- a fan duct having first and second flanges extending outwardly from an opening thereof;
 - a panel having at least one catch for engaging with the first flange of the fan duct; and
 - a locking plate attached to the panel opposite to the at least one catch, the locking plate comprising a base and a vertical portion extending from the base, a resilient tab being formed from the vertical portion for pressing the second

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flange of the fan duct and thereby absorbing vibration; wherein
at least one rivet extends through at least one first aperture defined in the
locking plate and through at least one corresponding second aperture defined in
the panel, thereby securing the locking plate to the panel.